

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 9 - 10, 15, 18 - 19, 24, and 27 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced with these amendments, which are supported in the specification as originally filed. Claims 1 - 27 remain in the application.

I. Advisory Action

Paragraph 1 of the Advisory Action dated November 24, 2004 (hereinafter, "the Advisory Action") states that the reply filed on June 21, 2004 is not fully responsive because only Claims 1 - 24 are provided, rather than Claims 1 - 27, while (missing) Claims 25 - 27 are referred to in the arguments. Applicant apologizes for this oversight, whereby originally-filed Claims 5, 14, and 23 were inadvertently omitted from Applicant's reply. These claims are now reinstated, above, in the "Amendments to the Claims" section. The claims in said section, as currently presented, are aligned to the application as filed.

Applicant requests that these claims be used as replacements for those submitted with the June 21, 2004 response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2004, said response being incorporated herein by reference as if set forth fully.

II. Conclusion

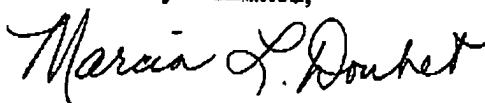
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending rejected claims, withdrawal of all presently outstanding rejections, and allowance of all claims at an early date.

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